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Water Supply Committee to Meet Wednesday

Overall Idaho snow packs are currently 95 to 120 percent of normal across the state. However if Idaho experiences a dry March like last year, some Idaho reservoirs may not fill and late summer season irrigation water supplies could be deficient.

Members of the Idaho Water Supply Committee will meet Wednesday afternoon at the Idaho Water Center to review the latest data and formulate a comprehensive water picture for 2008.

The annual mid March meeting is one of the most important water supply meetings during the water year. The meeting date falls a couple of weeks in advance of the crucial April 1st date which traditionally marks the end of the winter mountain snow pack accumulation period. After April 1st stream flow forecasts are refined and growing season water supplies are assessed.

The committee will also update the prospects of spring flooding in some of Idaho's river basins as well. The Idaho Water Supply Committee includes water managers and hydrology experts from both the private and public sectors.

The meeting is open to the public.

When: Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Where: Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street, Boise, on the sixth floor. Conference

rooms C & D.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Parking is located in the Water Center parking garage and note that there is a fee to

park in the garage.